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## **Los Angeles Bottled Water Factory Celebrates 100 Years of Continuous Operation**

*Arrowhead® Brand Mountain Spring Water Team Marks Century Milestone at One of the Oldest  
Manufacturing Facilities in City of Los Angeles*

**LOS ANGELES, Calif. – (April 29, 2017)** – Nestlé Waters North America today gathered its local employees, their families and business partners to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Los Angeles factory—one of the oldest manufacturing facilities in the city still in continuous use today. The factory, at the corner of Washington Boulevard and Compton Avenue close to downtown Los Angeles, has bottled Arrowhead® Mountain Spring Water at this location since 1917.

The Arrowhead bottling facility and the local ReadyRefresh<sup>SM</sup> home and office delivery branch today share the same campus and employ a workforce of 158 employees, four of whom are among the most tenured employees at Nestlé Waters North America, with more than 178 years of combined service to the company.

“It is an honor to have been a part of the Los Angeles community for the past 100 years,” said Tara Carraro, Executive Vice President & Chief Corporate Affairs Officer at Nestlé Waters North America. “Although much has changed over the past century, the pride our staff takes in bottling this precious resource, and their commitment to the local community, have been unwavering.”

The Arrowhead bottling facility opened on September 23, 1917 and, according to *The Los Angeles Times*, was “one of the largest establishments of its kind in the West.” Today, Arrowhead spring water is transported by truck and bottled in the same factory complex that opened 100 years ago. Surrounding buildings have been replaced and upgraded over the years, but the original factory is still in operation today. Arrowhead® Mountain Spring Water was the official water supplier of the 1932 and 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

“The LA campus is immensely proud of our historic roots in Los Angeles and 100 years of continuous operation and community service,” said Willy Pesnec, Los Angeles Factory Manager at Nestlé Waters North America. “The majority of our employees reside in Los Angeles, and we are honored to call this city our home.”

Before construction of the factory, water collected from the Arrowhead Springs water was bottled in the basement of the historic Arrowhead Springs Hotel, near its source in the San Bernardino Mountains. From there, it was shipped to customers in five-gallon glass bottles via the Pacific Electric Railway. After the Los Angeles factory opened in 1917, the increasingly popular spring water was transported in glass-lined railroad tank cars to the factory, where it was bottled and distributed throughout the region.

The same springs in the San Bernardino Mountains are still used today as an important source for Arrowhead® Mountain Spring Water. Only water that flows to the surface at Arrowhead Springs is collected, ensuring bottling is limited to what is naturally available at any given time. Arrowhead's team of biologists, hydrologists, geologists and local engineers continually monitor and care for the area, and this commitment to sustainability has allowed the springs to continue to operate for more than a century.

Nestlé Waters North America employs more than 1,200 Californians, providing rewarding careers and high-quality jobs. The company also spends more than \$325 million annually with California-based vendors and businesses. In 2016, Nestlé Waters North America donated more than 1.6 million bottles of water to California organizations and communities in need. The company supports, through contributions and employee volunteer hours, local organizations such as Inland Empire Waterkeeper, Cucamonga Valley Water District and the Southern California Mountains Foundation.

*Editor's Note:* High resolution, historical photos of the factory are available for download and use [here](#).

### **About Arrowhead® Brand Mountain Spring Water**

With roots in Southern California dating back to 1894, Arrowhead® Mountain Spring Water is sourced and distributed from the Pacific through the Rockies. In California, where the brand has been trusted for more than a century, 80 percent of the mountain spring water sourced in the state is distributed in California. Arrowhead supports environmental and water stewardship throughout Southern California. In addition to its watershed restoration work with Inland Empire Waterkeeper, Arrowhead has maintained a partnership with the Southern California Mountains Foundation for over two decades, enabling the organization to undertake hundreds of restoration projects in the San Bernardino and Angeles National Forests. To learn more visit: [www.arrowheadwater.com](http://www.arrowheadwater.com).

### **About Nestlé Waters North America**

Nestlé Waters North America provides people with an unrivaled portfolio of bottled waters for healthy hydration. Brands such as [Arrowhead® Mountain Spring Water](#), [Nestlé® Pure Life®](#), [Perrier®](#), and [S. Pellegrino®](#) have driven Nestlé Waters North America to be the third

largest non-alcoholic beverage company by volume in the U.S. Based in Stamford, Connecticut with about 8,500 employees, Nestlé Waters North America is committed to reducing its environmental footprint across operations. As a natural resource company, Nestlé Waters North America sustainably manages nearly 50 spring sites, as well as nearly 14,000 acres of watershed as open space. The company is also committed to creating shared value and being a good neighbor in the 140 communities where it operates in the U.S.

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